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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: PGEN, HU, VT  
SUBJECT: THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN

REF: STATE 263982

1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI, SARROS  
CONVEYED INFO CONTAINED REFTEL TO UNDERSECRETARY SILVESTRINI AT  
10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

2. SILVESTRINI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION AND UNDERTOOK T  
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INFORM CASAROLI ASAP.

3. IN FOLLOW-UP MEETING NOVEMBER 8TH, MONSIGNOR SILVESTRINI CONFIRMED  
THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI HAD BEEN IMMEDIATELY INFORMED ABOUT TH  
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U.S. DECISION ON THE CROWN AND REITERATED EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATIO  
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VATICAN REMAINS PLEASED THAT WE CONSULTED IT PRIOR TO MAKING DECISION  
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THAT WE ADVISED IT OF OUR DECISION PRIOR TO ITS BEING MADE PUBLIC AND  
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FOR TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ITS VIEWS ON THE CHARACTER OF THE  
CROWN. VATICAN INTENDS TO MAKE NO DECLARATION ON THE SUBJECT, BUT  
VATICAN SPOKESMAN, IF PRESSED, WILL LIMIT HIMSELF TO STATEMENT THAT  
THE HOLY SEE CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT TO BE A BILATERAL ONE BETWEEN THE  
U.S. AND HUNG  
RIAN GOVERNMENTS. THE VATICAN IS, HOWEVER, PREPARED  
TO RESPOND IN POSITIVE TERMS TO ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY COME TO IT

FROM THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY.

4. COMMENT: ARRIVAL OF REFTEL ON NOVEMBER 4TH ENABLED US TO INFORM  
VATICAN PRIVATELY ABOUT U.S. GOVERNMENT DECISION BEFORE PRESS  
REPORTS BEGAN APPEARING IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS NOV. 5. THIS  
OBVIOUSLY WAS APPRECIATED BY THE VATICAN. HOLMES

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